



February 16, 2019

Honorable Members of the Commerce Committee,

As the Executive Director of the New Haven Manufacturers Association I submit this written documentation to support the following three bills along with our partners in the CMC (Connecticut Manufacturing Collaborative).

S.B. No. 854 (RAISED) AN ACT PROMOTING CAREERS IN MANUFACTURING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE DEMAND FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.

S.B. No. 855 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF MANUFACTURING.

S.B. No. 856 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER MANUFACTURERS' WORKFORCE NEEDS WHEN EVALUATING PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

With respect to SB-855:

This is too important and too big a job to be "assigned" to a state official with other responsibilities - this will be a full-time job and should be filled by a manufacturer with the qualifications described in section 1(b) of the proposal. This is NOT establishing a new agency or bureaucracy. We're talking about one person with an assistant -- but with strong support from the legislature and the governor. This new Secretary will make a big difference in meeting the challenges facing manufacturers in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Scott", written over a vertical line.

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